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The undersigned respectfully thanks the Examiner for the time and consideration extended during the telephone interview of September 15, 2006. In that interview, independent claims 1 and 29 were discussed. Specifically, it was discussed that the currently presented amendments to claims 1 and 29 would be sufficient to overcome the pending rejection to these claims.

Pending claims 1, 3-6, 8-9, 33 and 37-40 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,699,426 (Tsukamoto). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection. Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of previously pending claim 2. Furthermore, claim 1 has been amended to more clearly recite that the digital television display in the second housing is to receive processed video data in a digital format. In light of the interview with the Examiner of September 15, 2006, it is respectfully submitted that this amendment to claim 1 overcomes the rejection and thus claim 1 and the claims depending therefrom are patentable over the cited art, as the cited art fails to teach or suggest a modular platform and a digital television display that is to receive processed video data in a digital format.

Pending claims 29-31 and 43 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Tsukamoto in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,916,736 (Ryan) and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,784,427 (Bennett). Claim 29 has been amended in similar manner as claim 1. Specifically, claim 29 recites that the first housing that receives a digital television signal comprises a modular platform including replaceable cards. Furthermore, claim 29 recites that the method transmits digital encrypted video signals between the first housing and a second housing including a display. In light of the interview of September 15, 2006 and these amendments, it is respectfully submitted that claim 29 is patentable over the cited art, as the cited art fails to teach or suggest such a modular platform to receive a digital television signal and transmit digital encrypted video signals.

In view of these remarks, the application is now in condition for allowance and the Examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504.

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